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Workforce training set for broad expansion this year

Instructors praise new adult training and RIBA efforts to meet industry's need for skilled labor. Contact Elise Geddes at RIBA, (401) 438-7400 or egeddes@ribuilders.org for more information.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

Successful beyond expectations, the Carpentry Career Training Program (CCTP) will expand from

two sites to four this year. New sites will include the East Providence Career and Technical Center and the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center.

Two trade-specific programs in electrical and plumbing pre-apprenticeship are to come as well.

"The CCTP is just what the industry needs in Rhode Island at this time. We don't have enough skilled young men and women entering the trades. The Rhode Island Builders Association has done an outstanding job fa-
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Home Show plays to rave reviews



Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza cuts the ribbon to officially open the 69th Rhode Island Home Show, at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, on April 4th. With the mayor are, from left, Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Carol Grant, Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor (representing Gov. Gina Raimondo), Federation of Garden Clubs President Blakely Szosz, John Bentz of the RIBA Education and Workforce Development Committee, Dept. of Labor and Training Director Scott R. Jensen, RIBA President Timothy A. Stasiunas, Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio, Robert J. Baldwin of the RIBA Education and Workforce Development Committee, Brian Schuster of National Grid, and Steven Osborn of the Dept. of Education. Story and photos begin on page 6.

Member hailed for first Net Zero Ready development in R.I.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

A longtime member of the Rhode Island Builders Association, h.a. Fisher Homes, is being honored for launching the first Net Zero Ready residential development in the state. Ground was broken in March for Wynfield Place, to be located between Granite Street and Commonwealth Avenue, adjacent to I-95, in Warwick. The first homes are expected to be available in the fall.

"This woman-centric, Zero Net Energy Ready neighborhood is in the heart of Warwick, in a prime access location," a statement from h.a. Fisher Homes said.

Wynfield Place will consist of nine single-level condominiums.

"Net Zero Ready homes are the latest step on that journey to producing some of



Dignitaries appear during a press conference at National Grid's Energy Innovation Hub in Providence on April 1st to celebrate plans for the first Zero Net Energy Ready residential development in the state. From left are Brian Schuster of National Grid, developer Hugh A. Fisher of h.a. Fisher Homes, Rep. K. Joseph Shekarchi (D-Warwick), Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Carol Grant, Warwick Mayor Joseph J. Solomon, and Chris Porter of National Grid.

the healthiest, highest quality and efficient homes available in the state," the statement continued."

Leaders from the City of Warwick, the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, h.a. Fisher Homes, and National Grid gathered for a press conference at National Grid's Energy Innovation Hub at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence on April 1st. Among those present were Warwick Mayor Joseph J. Solomon, Sen. Michael J. McCaffrey (D-Warwick), Rep. K. Joseph Shekarchi (D-Warwick), Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Carol Grant, developer Hugh A. Fisher of h.a. Fisher Homes, along with Brian Schuster and Chris Porter of National Grid.

"The new residences will be so energy efficient that a renewable energy system (such as a solar rooftop) can offset all or most of the annual energy consumed by the residents," a statement from National Grid said.

Also attending the press conference were some 20 students from the electrical program at Warwick Area Career and Tech-

nical Center (WACTC), who, along with their instructors, took a break from assisting with the first day of Home Show setup at the Rhode Island Convention Center next door.

"WACTC students will participate in all phases of the (Wynfield Place) project as a giant, work-based learning exercise for them," said Louis Cotoia Jr. of RIBA's Education and Workforce Development Committee.

"The concept for the new development was created through h.a. Fisher's participation in National Grid's Residential New Construction Program and the Path to Zero Energy Ready Homes Program. The programs focus on design review, in-field training and home-testing to help building professionals realize the building science that supports energy efficiency," National Grid said.

"More and more people are realizing that the best way to control their energy costs is to become more energy efficient," said Rep. Shekarchi, Rhode Island House

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LOOKING AHEAD!

♦ **May 2nd: Networking Night** - 4:30 to 7 p.m., sponsored by National Building Products. Rhode Island Builders Association Headquarters, East Providence. FREE for members and their guests. *Information on page 14.*

♦ **May 6th: RIBA Monthly Board of Directors Meeting** - 4 p.m. networking, 4:30 p.m. business meeting, RIBA headquarters, East Providence. Guest Speaker: President of the Senate Dominick Ruggerio. RIBA members are invited to attend for informational purposes. Please note that this meeting is on a Monday, not the usual Tuesday. For more information and to register, contact Elizabeth Carpenter, ecarpenter@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

☞ ♦ **May 9th: State-Mandated Continuing Education for Contractors - 5 Credit Hours - Topics are Working with Building Officials / Understanding the 1&2-Family Building Code.** *Details on page 22.*

☞ ♦ **May 14th: State-Mandated Continuing Education for Contractors - 5 Credit Hours - Topics are CRLB Law, Regulations and Contracts Review.** *Details on page 22.*

♦ **May 16th: Professional Women in Building May Meeting** - 5:30 to 8 p.m., The Tile Shop, 1400 Bald Hill Rd., Warwick. *Details on Page 11.*

☞ ♦ **May 22nd: State-Mandated Continuing Education for Contractors - 5 Credit Hours - Topic is Deck Codes.** *Details on page 22.*

♦ **June 6th: Sixth Annual Networking Barbecue** - 4-7 p.m. at RIBA headquarters. Sponsored by Douglas Lumber, Kitchens & Home Center. FREE for members and non-members thanks to Douglas, but registration is required. A brief meeting of the RIBA Board of Directors will take place at 4 p.m. Members may attend for informational purposes. For information and to register, contact Elise Geddes at (401) 438-7400 or egeddes@ribuilders.org. *Details on page 14.*

♦ **August 9th: 69th Annual RIBA Outing and Clambake** - Noon to 8 p.m. at Francis Farm, Rehoboth, Mass. Watch for more information. To become a sponsor, contact Elizabeth Carpenter at (401) 438-7400 or ecarpenter@ribuilders.org. Premier Sponsors will have exhibit space at the Clambake.

♦ **September 19th: Networking Night** - 4:30 to 7 p.m., sponsored by Andersen Corp. Rhode Island Builders Association Headquarters, East Providence. FREE for members and their guests. *Related story on page 14.*

♦ **October 10th: Networking Night** - 4:30 to 7 p.m., sponsored by PMC Media Group. Rhode Island Builders Association Headquarters, East Providence. FREE for members and their guests. *Related story on page 14.*

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Timothy A. Stasiunas

President's Message

Thanks to all who made the Home Show a success!

The Rhode Island Builders Association's 69th Annual Rhode Island Home Show, featuring the Rhode Island Flower and Garden

Show, is now just a great memory!

By any measure, though, it was a complete success, and I heard nothing but praise and excitement from show visitors and exhibitors alike.

The show kicked off on April 4th at noon, with the presence of and recognition by many state and local dignitaries, including a ribbon cutting by Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza. Representing Gov. Gina Raimondo was Rhode Island Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor.

Also attending were hundreds of career and technical education (CTE) students from around the state who, with the help of their

instructors, RIBA builder-member volunteers, and coordination by Lou Cotoia and Cheryl Boyd, did a wonderful job building the exhibits again this year.

In reporting on this great event, it is incumbent upon me to recognize them and all those who made it happen. The staff at RIBA, who always go above and beyond for our organization, did a tremendous job. However, there are many people who work diligently behind the scenes during setup, during the show, and the break-down afterward.

We receive help by folks from every facet of our industry and more. To those people who lent a helping hand and to the companies they work for, I personally and RIBA together thank you for your consideration and willingness to be part of the work of our association. Your participation says volumes about the commitment and pride you collectively take in RIBA. On behalf of our RIBA Board of Directors: Thank you and well done!



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Turnstiles spin as many thousands visit RIBA's 2019 Home Show

Over 1,000 CTE students participate in exhibit construction and show set-up.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

"We're here every year, and I mean every year since this show was at the old Civic Center! We get a lot of leads from here."

That was the word from Ken Adams of J.K.L. Engineering, a longtime member of the Rhode Island Builders Association and a veteran Home Show exhibitor, who summed up exhibitor feelings on a crowded show floor on Saturday, April 6th, the show's third day at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

"There are a lot of people coming through, a wide variety," said Billy Silva of Santoro Oil. "A good day so far!"

Other exhibitors among RIBA members included builders, remodelers, suppliers, lenders and more.

The Home Show, also featuring the Rhode Island Flower and Garden Show, took shape several days before the opening on Thursday, April 4th, when Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza cut the ribbon to officially open the event.

Under the supervision of their instructors and volunteer contractors from RIBA, hundreds of career and technical education (CTE) students from 43 different schools and programs from around the state, nearly 1,000 in all, got hands-on experience by building and assembling exhibit components. These included many carpentry, electrical and horticultural students, who worked for three days on show set-up.

Help from many volunteers

Volunteer contractors from RIBA included Jesse Maynard of Maynard Construction BRC, Joseph Cracco of Modern Yankee Builders, and Alexander Mitchell of Meridian Design/Build. It was all coordinated by RIBA Director of Workforce Programs Cheryl Boyd, and Louis Cotoia Jr. of the association's Education and Workforce Development Committee.

The Rhode Island Home Show is now recognized by the Rhode Island Dept. of Education as an official Work-Based Learning venue. In fact, Paul McConnell of the state Dept. of Education and Frederick Gill of the New England Institute of Technology were on hand to encourage the students.

Students gathered around to join Mayor Elorza during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Carol Grant, Secretary of Commerce Stefan Pryor (representing Gov. Gina Raimondo), Federation of Garden Clubs President Blakely Szosz, John Bentz of the RIBA Education and Workforce Development Committee, Dept. of Labor and Training Director Scott R. Jensen, RIBA President Timothy A. Stasiunas,

Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio, Robert J. Baldwin of RIBA's Education and Workforce Development Committee, Brian Schuster of National Grid, and Steven Osborn of the Dept. of Education.

New attractions

There were new and unusual attractions, and there were multiple, interactive exhibits on Outdoor Living, Home Technology and Age-Friendly Living. The popular Energy Expo was back, *see HOME SHOW...page 29*



On set-up day one, April 1st, construction students assemble a gazebo as part of the Flower and Garden portion of the Home Show.



Photo by Joe Cracco

Construction students lay flooring for the AARP Age-Friendly Home display.

The 69th Annual Home Show



Students assemble one of the Garden Show outdoor living exhibits.

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By set-up day three, Wednesday, the exhibits took shape. Here, construction students put finishing touches on the garden house.



Rhode Island Commerce Secretary Stefan Pryor, at left, represents Gov. Gina Raimondo at the Home Show Opening Ceremony. At center is John Bentz of RIBA's Education and Workforce Development Committee.



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Chariho Instructor David Bannister, left, checks in with set-up coordinators Louis Cotoia Jr. and Cheryl Boyd.



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RIBA Executive Officer John Marcantonio welcomes visitors to the opening ceremony, as CTE students who helped build the exhibits applaud Home Show organizers.



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After the opening ceremony, here are RIBA President Timothy A. Stasiunas and Kathy LaRiviere of the Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs.





The 69th Annual Home Show



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The crowded aisles on Home Show day three.



◀
Ken Adams of J.K.L. Engineering Inc. develops a lead.



Ready for the show opening are Kevin Lima of Coventry Lumber and Don Hamel of Andersen Corp.



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Alan Wornham of Santoro Oil Co. makes a point about home heating.



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Things were busy for Erika Pearson, Stephanie McShane and the rest of the team from RI Kitchen & Bath.



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Just before the Home Show opens on Thursday, Linda Bohmbach of Home Healthsmith tests her demonstration stairlift.



▲ Ready for the Home Show to open on Thursday are Marc Petrowicz of Unilock®, with Mike Acton and Bob Rocchio of Arnold Lumber Co.

Tom Kelly and Sean O'Brien of Ecologic Insulation Inc. seem to mirror their merry men on the monitor.



▲ Jonas Crofter of South County Post & Beam cultivates a customer.

Sounding good were S. Jeffrey Mulholland and Jose Silva of Mulholland Audio/Video.



▲ Alex Mitchell of Meridian Custom Homes, center, is beset by leads on day three.



▲ The team from Pella Windows and Doors included Jackie Pagel, Kevin Conchinha, Robert Marchand, Steve Dickinson and David Newell.





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PWB officers Carol O'Donnell and Jacqueline Pagel moderated the JLC Live, Women In Construction Meet Up on Friday, March 29 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Women from across the Northeast gathered to share their stories of successes and challenges of being in the construction industry. Several local PWB members attended this great event. Shown at right are Rebecca Downing of DiStefano Brothers, Jacqueline Pagel of Pella Windows, Julie & Lauren Brierley of Calyx Homes, and Carol O'Donnell of CRM Modular Homes.



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RIBA Happenings: Build PAC

The Rhode Island Builders Association's Build PAC held a fundraiser at the Eleven Forty Nine Restaurant in East Greenwich on March 21st. The Build PAC raises funds to help support pro-housing candidates for state and local office, regardless of party. It was also a great networking opportunity for contractors and suppliers. Here, from left, are Mike McDole of National Building Products, Steve Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald Building and Remodeling, and Don Hamel of Andersen Corp.



Also shining that evening were the folks from Newport Solar: Kara Kilmartin, Brad Peterson, Mark Cordeiro, Angela Tuoni and Doug Sabetti.



Here's Dan Abramson from Nortek, with Alex Mitchell of Meridian Custom Homes and Jeff Mulholland of Mulholland Audio/Video.



It's Robin Garceau of Robin Garceau Interiors, Jason Oliveira of Douglas Lumber, Kitchens and Home Center, Susan Gertsacov and Jackie Simas.



Networking on safety are Jose Marciano of J.M. Painting, Jhonny Leyva of Heroica Construction and Scott Asprey of Risk & Safety Management.



Talking politics are Thom Marandola of Tomark Construction, Ed Ladouceur of the Stormtite Co. and Ken Jones of Ken Jones Construction.

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So, if you plan on attending, we ask that you please call Elise at (401) 438-7400 or e-mail egeddes@ribuilders.org

Networking events are one of the many benefits of membership in the Rhode Island Builders Association. We invite you to bring a non-member to show them what a great resource RIBA is, and to meet our dedicated staff.

Mark your calendars, and plan to bring your non-member colleagues. You never know whom you'll meet at a RIBA networking event!

-Elise Geddes

Networking BBQ slated for June 6

WHEN: Thursday, June 6th, 4 to 7 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pkwy. #301, East Providence 02914

COST: FREE for members and their guests

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Members and guests turn out for a previous RIBA Annual Networking Barbecue. More than 150 people are expected this year, with the event generously sponsored by Douglas Lumber, Kitchens & Home Center, along with Andersen Corp., IKO and Royal Building Products

Douglas Lumber, Kitchens & Home Center will generously sponsor the Rhode Island Builders Association's 6th Annual Networking Barbecue!

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Because of the popularity of this free event, please contact RIBA Member Relations Coordinator Elise Geddes if you wish to attend.

"Not only do members come to enjoy the food and drink, but there are so many people to network with that we have to expand our space out the back door!" Ms. Geddes says. "Bring a non-member colleague so they can find out about the many benefits of membership."



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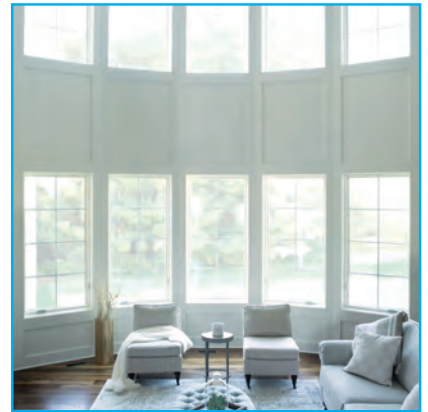
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Member Profile: R.J. Fournier of Pariseault Builders

He keeps them safe!

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

"I worked for my dad since I was old enough to sift through a scrap pile or make jobsite signs," says R.J. Fournier, today the safety manager at Warwick-based Pariseault Builders.

"Dad" was Ron Fournier Sr., who started as a framer in 1968, was a member of the Rhode Island Builders Association, and who still heads R.J. Fournier Associates Inc.

"He and I had the same name, so it was just easier for everybody to call me R.J.," says the Pawtucket native, who graduated from jobsite scrap piles to laborer and carpenter's helper as he got older.

"After the downturn in 2008-09, some of our crew went separate ways, so it was just my dad and me. He was getting older and suggested that I find a company like this," R.J. remembers. "He recommended Pariseault Builders."

Pariseault? R.J. pronounces the name in the French manner. "But if someone doesn't, I don't correct them," he says.

R.J. was originally hired as a carpenter, starting during the first week of 2016. Owner Joe Pariseault had stepped back, and the new president, Brian Casey, soon decided that the growing company needed a safety manager. He settled on R.J., who soon became up to speed on the intricacies of jobsite safety, compliance, toolbox talks, record-keeping – the works.

He now handles safety concerns for all 50 employees of this fourth-generation contracting firm. Founded in 1946 by Raymond Pariseault and his son Bud, it was established as a small tile and masonry company, but it wasn't long before they built their way into commercial and residential general contracting. A great deal of work came from the then-active Quonset Point Naval Air Station.

Today, Pariseault will work all over southern New England,



R.J. Fournier

but concentrates on Rhode Island. Of the 50 employees, an average of 35 are in the field, including a number of in-house carpenters. In addition to general construction, Pariseault offers pre-construction and construction-management services.

"Our in-house skills help us control project scheduling and quality more effectively," R.J. notes.

About 40 percent of Pariseault's work is residential. Commercial clients have included Rhode Island Hospital and Newport Hospital.

"People often wear several hats in a company our size," says R.J., who is responsible not only for jobsite safety but for maintaining the Pariseault vehicle fleet, the equipment, and for organizing the shop.

"Part of my main job is implementing new technologies for the company safety program. For example, we use SiteDocs® safety management software."

R.J. has implemented company-wide meetings with all employees twice a year, and with supervisors, also twice a year.

"We call these BASHes -- business and safety huddles," R.J. quips. "So, every three months, we have a BASH."

It was R.J. who prompted Pariseault to join RIBA in 2018.

"I couldn't believe we weren't members already," he says, citing networking, industry information and tuition-free education as prime attractions among the member benefits. Pariseault also is a huge supporter of RIBA's workforce-development programs.

"I myself am a product of VICA (the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, now SkillsUSA). It had a tremendous impact on my life as a young man," says R.J., who attended the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center.

"I'm grateful to work for a company like Pariseault Builders that shares my drive to promote workforce development. We have hosted interns from Roger Williams University, New England Institute of Technology and the Met School (the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center in Providence)."

And Pariseault was front and center at the 43rd Annual SkillsUSA Teamworks Championships at New England Institute of Technology on March 15th.

"We're a big part of SkillsUSA Teamworks," R.J. says. "It gives me a chance to give back to an organization that did so much for me."

Find out more about Pariseault Builders at Pariseault.com. 

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We celebrate h.a. Fisher Homes and the state's first Zero Net Energy development

On April 1st, state and local leaders from the City of Warwick, the state Office of Energy Resources, h.a. Fisher Homes, and National Grid celebrated the start of construction of Rhode Island's first Net Zero Energy residential development. Built by h.a. Fisher Homes, the new residences will be so energy efficient that a renewable energy system (such as a solar rooftop) can offset all or most of the annual energy consumed by the residents.

The event was held at National Grid's Energy Innovation Hub at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence.

The concept for the new development was created through h.a. Fisher Homes' participation in National Grid's Residential New Construction Program and the Path to Zero Energy Ready Homes programs. The programs, which are part of National Grid's suite of energy-efficiency offerings (Ngrid.com/save), focus on design review, in-field training and home-testing to help building professionals realize the building science that supports energy efficiency.

Wynfield Place

The new development, Wynfield Place, will be home to nine single-level condominiums in Warwick. *Related story on page 2.*

Construction began in March, and the first available homes are expected to be completed by the fall of 2019. Through the Path to Zero Energy Ready Homes Program, National Grid and h.a. Fisher Homes will conduct tours of the neighborhood at different stages of development to serve as an educational resource to the building community and homeowners.

"We applaud this Net Zero residential development because it will contribute to Gov. Gina Raimondo's clean energy goals and help reduce our state's greenhouse gas emissions," said Office of Energy Resources Commissioner Carol Grant.

"By combining the latest in energy-efficiency technology with solar power, these Net Zero homes are the future, and they serve as a model for others to follow."

Rhode Island House Majority Leader Joseph Shekarchi (D-Warwick), agreed.

"More and more people are realizing that the best way to control their energy costs is to become more energy efficient," Rep. Shekarchi said.

"These new homes will be the premier example of how becoming more energy efficient can benefit not only the environment but also your wallet. We're thrilled to have this one-of-a-kind development in our own backyard – right here in Warwick," he added.



"This is another exciting day for our city," said Warwick Mayor Joseph J. Solomon.

"Hopefully, these new homes are what entire neighborhoods will offer a decade from now. Becoming more energy efficient isn't something we ought to do – it's what we need to do for our communities and our future. Congratulations to h.a. Fisher Homes and National Grid for their cooperative efforts to bring the project to fruition."

"Until now, 'Net Zero' has only been done in a few, high-end, test homes that have either been completely retrofitted or custom built, said Hugh Fisher, President of h.a. Fisher Homes. "We were determined to bring Net Zero Ready homes to everyone. It was not a science problem anymore; it was a math problem! Problem solved."

Jeremy Dagold, Project Manager with CLEAResult, a company providing energy efficiency services across North America, noted that Wynfield Place will feature "some of the healthiest, highest quality and efficient homes available in Rhode Island. Custom built quality at production-built cost, built by a Rhode Island home builder."

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Members of the media, dignitaries and electrical students from the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center gather at National Grid's Energy Innovation Hub on April 1st.

Continuing Education for Contractors

Courses headlined in RED on the Education Pages qualify for state-mandated continuing education requirements. EVERY RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTOR registered to work in Rhode Island must take five hours of continuing education before his or her next renewal date, and must provide class certificates as evidence of completion.

Five Credit Hours:

Working with Building Officials Understanding the 1&2 Family Building Code

May 9th

WHEN: Thursday, May 9th, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pky #301, East Providence 02914

COST: FREE for members and their employees, with a \$15 materials/registration fee. \$150 for non-members, with a \$15 materials/registration fee.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

This course focuses on Rhode Island's One- and Two-Family Dwelling Code. You will learn how the code is structured, and there will be emphasis on chapters one and three. Also:

- Chapter 23-27.3, State Building Code - Construction (100.3),

Ordinary Repairs (101.1 & 102.0). Owner's Responsibility (104.1), and Change of Use (105.2).

- The risk contractors expose themselves to when "Working Without a Permit" or creating an "Illegal Change of Use."
 - The difference between "prescriptive" and "performance" based codes.
 - Which situations demand that you look at the "intent" of the code.
 - Properly using registered design professionals (residential vs. commercial), and who is responsible for what.
 - Understanding and using the various tables in the Residential Code.
 - Reviewing the top 10 code violations and the specific sections of the Building Code they are linked to, or associated with.
 - Reasons why inspections fail and buildings fail prematurely.
- Lunch is included.

Five Credit Hours:

CRB Law, Regulations and Contracts Review

May 14th

WHEN: Tuesday, May 14th, 7:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pky #301, East Providence 02914

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DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER: Contact Sheila McCarthy at smccarthy@ribuilders.org, or call (401) 438-7400.

This course will review:

- The Rhode Island Contractors' Registration Law
- Rules and Regulations adopted as of January of 2019
- Introduction to Construction Contracts

You must pre-register for this course. There will be no admittance without pre-registration. Payment is due upon registration. Participants must provide proof of employment with a member company for the class to be free.

Lunch is included.

Five Credit Hours:

Deck Construction Codes

May 22nd

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22nd, 7:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Rhode Island Builders Association headquarters, 450 Veterans Memorial Pky #301, East Providence 02914

COST: FREE for members and their employees, with a \$15 materials/registration fee. \$150 for non-members, with a \$15 materials/registration fee.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: One week before class

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This course will cover: "Deck Construction Codes: Sorting Out Codes and Solutions." Included will be a review of jobsite safety rules, fall protection, ladders and scaffolding, and confined spaces.

Decks are an important part of an increasing number of homes. So it's important to know about the codes.

You must pre-register for this course. There will be no admittance without pre-registration. Payment is due upon registration. Participants must provide proof of employment with a member company for the class to be free. Lunch is included.

Brenda Clement

Director, HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University

Brenda Clement has over 20 years of experience in the housing and community-development fields. Before assuming her current post, she was executive director of the Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA), a not-for-profit umbrella organization for affordable housing and community development activities in Massachusetts, from 2012-2016. She also served as executive director of the Housing Action Coalition of Rhode Island, and of the Housing Network. Ms. Clement is a founding member of the New England Housing Network and served on the board of the National Low Income Housing Coalition for nine years and just recently completed her term as chairwoman. She holds a bachelor of arts in political science/economics from Providence College and a juris doctor from Washington College of Law at American University.



We're trying to ramp up attention to this issue, but we also need to be aware that there are other tools we can use. These include the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act, and also local zoning and land-use plans where we might be able to provide more incentives for housing production – some carrots and sticks, as it were.

We should find some “carrots” first, but we need to be sure that everyone is doing their fair share.

THE BUILDER: So HousingWorks sees the need for a statewide housing policy. How could the municipalities, where control over housing policy pretty much rests now, be encouraged to accept a statewide approach that has any teeth?

CLEMENT: Yes, that long-term plan, and long-term vision, is part of the problem for sure. So, a statewide housing policy

THE BUILDER: The 2018 Housing Fact Book recommends increased investment in the development and preservation of homes affordable to working Rhode Islanders and those with special housing needs. How do we do that?

CLEMENT: Well, that's not a new finding in the most recent Fact Book because it's been a persistent problem. There are a few ways to begin to fix that.

For one thing, Rhode Island as a state has continuing under-investment in housing. In the Fact Book, you'll also find a comparison chart of per-capita spending on housing. With the (\$50 million) housing bond funds voters approved in 2016, that figure is \$21.90 per person.

That's still well below other New England states. Maine spends about \$26.07, Vermont spends about \$77, Connecticut spends about \$95, and Massachusetts over \$100 per capita. So, even though Rhode Island has a similar housing stock with similar challenges, we continue to underinvest at the state level. So, we need additional sources of funding to remedy that.

THE BUILDER: Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker filed legislation on February 27th to expand the state's Housing Choice Initiative to support production of 135,000 new housing units by 2025. So why aren't we seeing affordable-housing initiatives in Rhode Island now?

CLEMENT: Investments like that require a strong statewide housing plan and leadership. There have been many discussions about this, and I know Gov. Gina Raimondo and the Rhode Island Builders Association are especially concerned with this.

would be a step in the right direction. But there are ways we can work with communities on things they want, and to achieve their goals. For example, almost every community has an underutilized strip mall, commercial space or village center. The industry calls these “greyfields.” Or, using some school bond funding, are there ways we can repurpose old school buildings?

There are a number of different approaches communities can use, and there are always a number of different structures that can be considered for repurposing in ways that make sense. This is a win-win for communities because it puts properties back on the local tax rolls, and it provides much-needed housing for their residents.

We also should look at other states, like Massachusetts, and see what other tools they're using. Their low to moderate income housing act and land-use legislation is Chapter 40B, and I'm very familiar with it from my time in Massachusetts.

They also have 40R, which encourages development around transit hubs. In Massachusetts, there tend to be more railroad stations, whereas there are only four in Rhode Island. But the plan could also work well around bus hubs too, which we have more of.

Putting denser housing where it makes sense is another tool that could provide incentives to communities.

Massachusetts also has 40S, which deals with the pushback from communities over new families with children who might burden the schools. While school populations are declining, costs for schools continue to rise. But 40S provides a bonus within the school-aid formula, so any community that sees an increase in school population because of a housing development, affordable

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or otherwise, would get a bump-up in their school aid.

These are ways we could use in Rhode Island to work with communities and make housing production better for them. Housing units will be there for a long time, so we want to make sure it's built well and in the right places.

THE BUILDER: One of the prime factors in housing prices and rents is the cost of construction. How do we lower that?

CLEMENT: Part of it is the cost of materials, which is generally out of our control. But one thing within our control is the time that construction takes. If we can find ways to streamline permitting, and local processing in general, that will go a long way toward reducing costs.

That doesn't mean that we sacrifice public input or legitimate concerns about environmental issues and traffic. I'm not suggesting that we circumvent those, but let's see if there are ways we can tighten those up.

THE BUILDER: How do we make existing housing more affordable?

CLEMENT: There are already some tools on the books, which include legislation on accessory dwelling units, which the legislature passed a few years ago, making it easier to construct "in-law apartments." That hasn't been widely implemented, and some communities have their own local zoning changes based on this. But that legislation can be made useful.

It's a way for families to address the affordable-housing needs of senior members who want to age in place, which is what current law restricts it to. But a current economic development bill in the Senate seeks to broaden that. This is a discussion we should be having.

We also need to look at CAT (Community Alliance of Tenants) structure in our communities. People with subsidized housing

vouchers have a continuing problem when it comes to finding landlords willing to accept them. We could look at ways through the tax structure to grant bump-ups in homestead exemptions, or some other tax break, for landlords who accept these vouchers, or who keep their rents at an affordable rate.

Obviously, there are lots of details to all those mechanisms that would have to be worked out before they're implemented.

Another tool would be to create more resources around home maintenance, catching problems early, before major rehabs to their housing becomes necessary.

THE BUILDER: Remembering Dr. Edinaldo Tebaldi of Bryant University and his 2015 report on The Economic Impact of School-Age Population Loss on Rhode Island's Economy, do you see continued resistance by some municipalities to welcoming families with children, and what can be done about that?

CLEMENT: I think there's an increasing understanding among local communities that they need to grow to maintain their vitality, and that means welcoming families with children. I think we're seeing that because schools in Warwick and other areas are closing, probably because of less residential development and fewer families.

So, the struggle for those communities is to find the right balance. I return to what Massachusetts does with its 40S legislation – increasing school aid to communities with an increase in students because of housing development.

I must say that 40S hasn't been widely used by communities because they haven't seen the increase in students because of development. That's because the families are staying in older housing in the same communities, sometimes in overcrowded conditions, because of the housing costs.

The governor and other officials understand that housing is critical for growing our job base, and it's critical to grow our population base. We've heard lots of debate about Rhode Island losing a congressional district. If we don't have more people living here, that's a real risk. Gov. Raimondo and the Dept. of Commerce have spent a lot of time working with HousingWorks RI on these issues.

THE BUILDER: Do you see the trend toward more but smaller households continuing in Rhode Island?

CLEMENT: Yes. Again, our population isn't growing, but formation of small households is growing. So, Rhode Island will see growing housing demand for the next 20-plus years at least, as our population ages and as more millennials enter the housing market.

Generally, millennials will look for starter homes, including rentals, that are much smaller than what their parents looked for. That's something to think about, and it gets right back to the question: "How can we repurpose and retool existing suburban structures for more multi-family or multi-generational living."

HousingWorks RI and other advocacy groups have been beating the drum for a long time to make the case that housing not only impacts economic growth, but also academic attainment and health outcomes.

Unless and until we address there housing challenges, we will see problems in many areas caused by the shortage of decent and affordable housing.





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RIBA Safety Service Update

JM Painting is first member to use free Safety Service



RIBA Safety Officer Scott Asprey, left, with José Marciano of J.M. Painting, the first member to book a free jobsite inspection with the association's new Safety Service.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

"We care about our company, our business and our employees. We want to be safe."

That's the word from José Marciano of J.M. Painting LLC, the very first user of the Rhode Island Builders Association's new Safety Service.

"I think this is a wonderful service RIBA is offering its members," Mr. Marciano added.

"Yes, we began jobsite visits in March," said Scott Asprey of Risk & Safety Management, RIBA's safety officer. "The J.M. Painting jobsite I reviewed was at the University of Rhode Island."

The second member to use the service has been Robert Van Cleef of Yankee Housewrights, at a jobsite in Jamestown, according to Mr. Asprey.

The new, members-only benefit aims

to reduce jobsite accidents, avoid OSHA fines, and help lower workers' compensation costs. The Safety Service offers a free jobsite visit once a year, and members may expand the services if they wish.

"I do a fundamental review of the jobsite, an important beginning to action that can help save contractors, especially

general contractors, a lot of headaches and, potentially, a great deal of money," said Mr. Asprey, a risk manager and compliance instructor with decades of experience.


"Our aim is to catch and eliminate jobsite hazards (including employee work habits) before they can cause an accident, and before an OSHA inspection can lead to issues for the contractor, including enormous fines that could cripple or bankrupt a business."

Residential contractors shouldn't assume that OSHA inspectors target commercial jobsites as opposed to residential projects. They don't.

"OSHA has 'National Emphasis Programs,' temporary periods when they target high-hazard industries, like construction," said RIBA's Elise Geddes, contact person for the Safety Service. "Residential jobsites have been targeted, so contractors should never be complacent about compliance."

Nor should general contractors be complacent about their subcontractors' compliance.

"If you're the GC and one of your subs has an accident on your jobsite, you share responsibility, and you are citable," stated Mr. Asprey.

For more information on RIBA's new Safety Service, contact Ms. Geddes at (401) 438-7400 or egeddes@ribuilders.org. 

Trainee License: Follow instructions, says DLT


Follow instructions and have your application properly notarized.

That's the advice from Richard Paquet, of the Rhode Island Dept. of Labor and Training after some members of the Rhode Island Builders Association asked for clarification on application procedures for the Operator Trainee License Application (Hoisting).

"A dated notary's signature is required

on the letters," Mr. Paquet said.

"People will send in the application papers, but they will sometimes have the notary seal, but it won't be signed and dated. Or they'll have it signed and not stamped. That holds things up for the next testing," he added.

For more information on hoisting licenses, contact Mr. Paquet at (401) 462-8570 or Richard.Paquet@dltr.ri.gov. 

Sweeping zoning reform in Minneapolis called national model

Higher densities, more home building encouraged throughout city.

By Paul F. Eno *Editor*

In what could indicate a national trend amid a worsening national shortage of affordable housing, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has become the latest U.S. city to adopt sweeping zoning reforms that, among other things, allow new multifamily housing developments in areas previously zoned for single-family units only.

The stated goal of the 1,100-page “Minneapolis 2040” comprehensive plan is to have more, and less expensive, housing built in more “desirable” neighborhoods. The plan increases densities gradually but substantially.

“This (density) is important, because the

strategies are likely to produce different types of housing in different locations—and will benefit different types of households,” said Jenny Schuetz, a David M. Rubenstein Fellow in the Brookings Institution’s Metropolitan Policy Program.

“Upzoning near jobs and transit tends to encourage development of large, multifamily buildings with apartments designed for small families (e.g. studios, one, and two-bedroom units). Both location and housing characteristics attract households who prefer shorter commutes over large homes,” Dr. Schuetz continued.

“By contrast, integrating duplexes and triplexes into low-density residential neighborhoods could create more opportunities for low and moderate-income families with children who prefer larger apartments and prioritize neighborhood safety and school quality. Let them build, let them build, let

them build!”

The Minneapolis City Council adopted Minneapolis 2040 in December amidst a storm of controversy in an urban area that was zoned 75 percent for single-family units. Critics have found the idea of new, multifamily developments in these neighborhoods especially hard to swallow.

Dr. Schuetz, however, argues that changes in urban planning like Minneapolis 2040 are not only beneficial but unavoidable.

“The only long-term way to reduce housing costs—or at least reduce the rate of housing price growth—is to build more housing,” she said.

New York City and Arlington, Virginia, are among the other cities that have taken similar steps to allow higher residential density, especially around job centers and transit hubs.

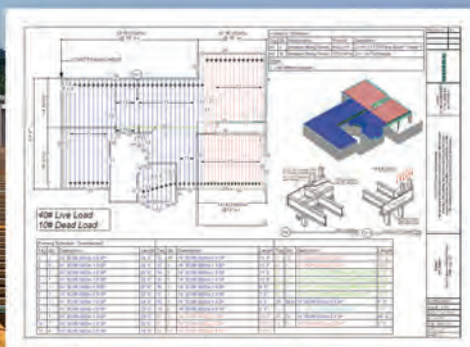
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\$11.6 million in MassHousing financing to renovate two workforce housing communities

MassHousing, the quasi-public agency that provides financing for workforce housing in the Bay State, has provided a total of \$11.6 million in affordable-housing financing to the not-for-profit Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF), for the renovation and preservation of two adjacent, existing developments in Orange, Massachusetts.

As part of the transaction, RHF will combine the 120-unit King James Court property, which serves elderly and disabled residents, and the 114-unit Pine Crest apartments, which serves low-income families, into a single new entity called King Pine.

RHF will invest roughly \$7 million in property renovations. The 234 apartments will primarily serve households earning at or below 60 percent of the area median income (AMI) and will remain affordable for at least 40 years. The AMI for Orange is \$74,800 for a family of four.

"This transaction is going to provide long-term affordability and stability for seniors and lower-income families in Orange," said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay.

"Retirement Housing Foundation has a distinguished history of providing a range of quality, affordable homes for people across all walks of life, with low or modest incomes, and MassHousing was pleased to partner with them to preserve and rehabilitate this important housing resource in Orange."

MassHousing provided RHF with a \$9.8 million construction and permanent loan, a \$1.1 million tax-exempt bridge loan and a \$750,000 taxable bridge loan. The MassHousing financing also generated \$5.3 million in equity financing, through federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

Other financing sources include \$1.7 million from the Massachusetts Dept. of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), a \$5.1 million sponsor note from RHF and a \$1.2 million deferred developer fee.

As part of the housing preservation transaction, RHF will undertake extensive site improvements at King Pine, including repaving driveways, walkways and curbing, and replacing buried electrical power lines. RHF will also upgrade accessibility at the property, replace roofing and siding, and make upgrades to some kitchens and bathrooms.

King Pine is located at 383 and 419 East River Street in Orange. There are 138 one-bedroom apartments, 72 two-bedroom apartments, 18 three-bedroom apartments and 6 four-bedroom apartments. Of the 234 apartments, 148 are supported by federal Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment contracts and 45 apartments are supported by the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP).

The Schochet Companies, based in Braintree, provided development consulting, and its affiliate, Federal Management Co., Inc. is the property manager for King Pine. The contractor will be Keith Construction, based in Canton.

In addition to the financing for King Pine, MassHousing has provided 186 home mortgage loans in Orange, totaling \$10.1

million in financing.

Founded in 1961, RHF is a national organization, owning and managing more than 17,000 apartments in 197 communities in 29 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There are two properties in Rhode Island: King's Grant and Essex Village, both in North Kingstown.

More than 22,500 people call an RHF community home.

For more information about RHF, please visit www.rhf.org, follow them on Twitter @rhfoundation and Facebook.



Resources for RIBA members who work in Massachusetts

The Rhode Island Builder covers Massachusetts news relevant to members of the Rhode Island Builders Association who work in our neighbor to the north and east.

Here are some sources of regulatory information and forms for contractors who work in the Bay State, or who plan to. For education purposes, RIBA will shortly expand its education programs to include courses required for work in Massachusetts.

Building Permits: Massachusetts has a statewide formula for building permits. Application forms may vary a little by municipality, but standard forms and information may be found at the Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulation (OCABR) website: Mass.gov/ocabr.

Contractor Registration and Licensing: Massachusetts has licensing for construction supervisors and registration for home improvement contractors. Find the details at Mass.gov/topics/building-trades.

Also find information about trade licensing at this site.

MassHousing: Similar to Rhode Island Housing, MassHousing is an independent, quasi-public agency that provides financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts.

Created in 1966, MassHousing raises capital by selling bonds, and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided more than \$20 billion for affordable housing. Find out more at MassHousing.com.



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cilitating and administering the program to date,” said Michael Haynes, instructor at the Warwick Area Career and Technical Center.

“In Warwick, there is support here at the school, with myself, two other instructors and the director. My director assures the school district’s support,” Mr. Haynes added.

The 26-week, 200-hour CCTP pre-apprenticeship course, free to students, is offered by RIBA and its industry partners. The first CCTP session, in southern Rhode Island, began at Chariho Career and Technical Center (CCTC) in Richmond on November 5th, and another session, serving the northern part of the state, began at the Woonsocket Area Career and Technical Center (WACTC) on November 13th.

From the start, classes were full, at 25 students each, and a waiting list began building, creating the need for the two additional sites. Most students are adults, some of whom already work in the residential construction industry and have been sent to be trained or upskilled by their employers, or as new hires. Other students are there with a desire to come to the industry as a new career.

“You recruit, we train, you hire,” is the message RIBA Executive Officer John Marcantonio conveys to employers.

Instructors praise not only the CCTP, but the students as well.

“Dave Bannister (of the CCTC) and I are (almost finished) with the first-ever CCTP session, taking place at Chariho,” Mr. Haynes reported as of this writing. “The current students have expressed how much they’re learning and enjoy the opportunity.”

Mr. Bannister agreed.

“The program is well on its way, with continued enthusiasm from the students. I’m excited and thankful to co-teach with Mike Haynes. We continue to work through the HBI (Home Builders Institute) curriculum to upskill each student, whatever level of skill they currently have. May the program continue to grow and get more young people employed in residential construction,” he said.

The students are “prompt, have positive attitudes, are respectful of self and others. They seem to enjoy working not only hands-on, but realize they will need and appreciate aspects of the trade that involve thought and attention to detail, such as manufacturers’ recommendations and building codes,” Mr. Haynes added.

In Woonsocket, WACTC’s Charles Myers is just as enthusiastic.

“I’m very excited about the program! The shortage of people seeking careers in the residential construction industry has reached a critical point,” Mr. Myers said. “I’m proud to be part of the effort to address this shortage of skilled labor. RIBA got this program off the ground, provided training for instructors, and recruited the first class. Having RIBA members and employers coming in and reinforcing what you have been teaching really drives home the opportunity in front of our students.”

Every student is already a success story, according to Mr. Myers.

“This collaboration between the state, business and education is what makes this program work, and every one of these students is a success story. It takes a tremendous level of dedication to go to a night program three nights a week for six months. That takes a desire to change your life for the better,” he added.

“We’ve had industry experts such as Don Hamel from Andersen



Several Rhode Island building officials visited the CCTP class at Chariho Career and Technical Center on March 10th to observe the training and speak to the students. Speakers included William J. Nash Jr., local representative of the International Code Council (ICC).



On March 19th, CLEAResult’s John Erickson provides the Chariho CCTP students some energy-code training, with a blower door testing demonstration at a local home that’s being remodeled.

Corp., who taught the students proper window-installation techniques. Stanley-Bostitch and Netco Sales put on a demonstration with various tools. I learned along with my students about laser levels, power tools and pneumatic tools!”

As Mr. Myers said, at any given CCTP class, you’re likely to meet RIBA Director of Workforce Programs Cheryl Boyd, along with Louis Cotoia Jr. and other members of RIBA’s Education and Workforce Development Committee. Potential employers often come in to observe the classes and meet students.

As mentioned, employers may send current employees to be upskilled, or may send candidates for employment if they commit to a wage increase or employment upon the candidate’s successful completion of a course. Job seekers may take the training courses if they demonstrate a commitment to start a career in residential construction and actively seek employment through RCWPJobs.com or through other employment resources within the industry.

These programs are funded through Real Jobs Rhode Island.

Potential students, along with employers wishing to place potential students, should contact Elise Geddes at RIBA, (401) 438-7400 or egeddes@ribuilders.org. Also contact Ms. Geddes for general information about the workforce-development classes or to arrange to visit a class. For information about Vocational English as a Second Language classes, contact Betty Bernal at RIBA, (401) 438-7400 or bbernal@ribuilders.org.

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with National Grid's Zero Net Energy exhibits, including "Energy Innovations Over the Decades," going back to the 1950s.

The Flower and Garden Show occupied 10,000 square feet, featuring a Greenhouse Area, a Living Wall, exhibits on Rooftop Living, Beach & Coastal Living, and Outdoor Dining. Also included

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majority leader. "These new homes will be the premier example of how becoming more energy efficient can benefit not only the environment but also your wallet. We're thrilled to have this one-of-a-kind development in our own backyard - right here in Warwick."

Tours of Wynfield Place will be offered by h.a. Fisher Homes at different stages of development, to serve as an educational resource to the building community and homeowners, according to the developer.

Rhode Island is ranked third in the nation on energy efficiency, based on the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Scorecard, Ms. Grant pointed out.

"Until now, 'net zero' has only been done in a few high-end test homes that have either been completely retrofitted or custom built," said Mr. Fisher, president of h.a. Fisher Homes. "We were determined to bring Net Zero Ready homes to everyone. It was not a science problem anymore; it was a math problem! Problem solved."

For more information, visit <https://www.hafisherhomes.com/wynfield-place>.



were the Edible Garden, Foundation Plant Design, the Dodecagon (a 12-sided structure), and a specially built house facade.

The Flower Show itself featured a floral competition, with a special competition for the students as well. Most exhibits were constructed by the CTE students.

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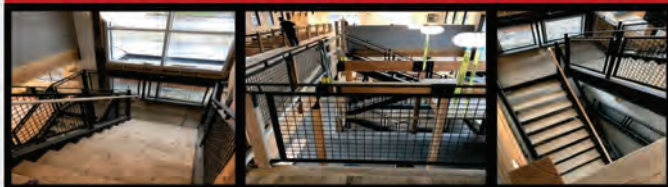
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